From: DPI OSA mail

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To: DACs

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Dear District Assessment Coordinators

The Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) invite District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) to attend a training session for the Spring 2017 Wisconsin Forward Exam.

The trainings will run from 9:00am – 2:00pm each day, with lunch provided. The venues and dates are listed below. **Please register no later than Wednesday, January 25, 2017.**

- January 30-Florian Gardens and Conference Center, Eau Claire
- January 31-Flat Creek Inn, Hayward
- February 1-Tundra Lodge Conference Center, Green Bay
- February 2-Olympia Resort Conference Center, Oconomowoc
- February 3-Wilderness Resort Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

Representatives from DPI and DRC will present topics including:

- Changes and updates for 2017
- Scheduling
- Test rules
- Roles and responsibilities
- · Accessibility features
- Test administration policies
- Test security
- Item types (especially the TDA)
- Preparing staff for the assessment
- Preparing students for using the online test engine
- Using eDIRECT
- Administering the Wisconsin Forward Exam
- Reports
- Q&A

<u>To register, go to the event webpage</u> then click on the register button at the bottom of the page. The trainings will be recorded and made available online in February 2017.

Please note: This training is limited to two registrations per district.

If you have questions regarding registration, contact Julie Hegland at 800-826-2368 ext. 3827 or by email at jhegland@datarecognitioncorp.com.

Technology Training Information:

- Training for District Technology Coordinators (DTCs) was conducted via an online meeting on October 12, 2016. A recorded version of this training can be found on the Wisconsin Forward Exam Technology Requirements webpage.
- Online technology Q&A sessions related to the Wisconsin Forward Exam will be conducted in January, February, and March 2017. Refer to <u>Forward Exam Calendar</u> for more details.

If you have questions regarding the trainings or anything Forward related, please contact Tahira Chaudary at 608-266-5187 or by email at Tahira.chaudary@dpi.wi.gov.

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